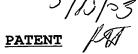
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2002, please undertake the following changes:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 3 as follows:

- 3. (Six Times Amended) An adsorbent structure comprising:
- a honeycomb structure having a periphery and two ends, including a plurality of passages that are defined by partition walls and extend in an axial direction between the ends; and

